LIFETIMES

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We located this recently while surfing the web. It seems appropriate for the Gateway ministry and for this time of the year.

THANKSGIVING

• It's God's will

1Thessalonians 5:18

"In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

It should be unceasing

Ephesians 1:16

"...do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention {of you } in my prayers."

• It's a spiritual sacrifice

Psalm 116:17

"To You I shall offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and call upon the name of the **LORD.**"

• It's expressed by the righteous

Psalm 140:13

"Surely the righteous will give thanks to Your name; The upright will dwell in Your presence."

• It's expressed for salvation

2 Corinthians 9:15

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

It's expressed for changed lives

1 Thessalonians 2:13

"For this reason we also constantly thank god that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted {it} not {as} the word of men, but {for} what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe."

• It's expressed for answered prayer

John 11:41

"So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes and said, 'Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.'"

• It's expressed for wisdom

Daniel 2:23

"To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise. For You have given me wisdom and power; Even now You have made known to me what we requested of You. For You have made known to us the king's matter."

• It's what we'll be doing in heaven

Revelation 7:12

"...saying, 'Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, {be} to our God forever and ever. Amen.'

WHERE WE'VE BEEN AND WHERE WE'RE GOING

October 2003

- 9 18th Annual Stewardship Banquet
- 24 NJ Christian Ministries Convention, Hawthorne, NJ – 7:30 pm "Biblically addressing the abortion issue"



25 NJ Christian Ministries Convention, Hawthorne, NJ – 3:30 pm "Teaching Chastity to youth"



November 2003

16 St. John's UFW Baptist, Newark 11 am – "Christians aborting? Why the disconnect?"

December 2003

14 Calvary Gospel Church, Newark Global Christian Women's Assembly

January 2004*

- 18 Budd Lake Chapel, Budd Lake, NJ AM Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- **26** Grace Orthodox Presbyterian, Westfield Sunday school and am SOHL service

February 2004

Gateway Volunteer Training Seminar February 5,7,12 and 14, 2004

*Additional Sanctity of Human Life Sunday dates TBA

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK.



We're all on the same side? Part 2



Photo taken by Genocide Awareness Project display at Ohio State University, Center for Bio-Ethical Reform

SO WHAT'S THE POINT?? Five thoughts:

- Being pro-life is not enough (John 10:10; 1 Timothy 1:15; 2 Peter 3:9)
- ◆ Are we more concerned with the life of the body than the eternality of the soul? We can and should be concerned for both. (see: *Matthew 7:14;* 10:28; *Mark* 10:28; 1 Corinthians 5:16-17)
- ♦ We cannot sacrifice the Gospel message to present the biblically backed pro-life message so as 'not to offend'. The Cross is an offense (*Galatians 5:11*) Because it speaks of Jesus' grace to unworthy sinners like us. Spurgeon said: "But there is something in the cross of Christ which hurts men's pride...and that is, it is opposed to all their ideas of human ability."
- Presenting the pro-life message without the salvation message is an offense to God. (1Corinthians 9:16)
- At Gateway, we believe the Gospel of life begins with the message of eternal life.

> Check out: God's Pro-Life Testimoy In Christ:

http://www.wels.net/wlfl/bible/biblstdy/bstdy2.htm

> Check out: On Being Pro ternal Life:

http://www.angelfire.com/ky/dodone/ProLife.html

> Check out: Conservatism is Pretend Salt by Flip Benham

 $\underline{http://www.operations avea merica.org/index.html}$

Atheist and Agnostic Pro-Life League

Anarchists for life

Pagans for Life

The Pro-Life Alliance of Gays and Lesbians

Libertarians for Life

Jews for Life

Pro-Life Vegans





E-MAIL MINISTRY

Questions People Ask:

Mandy, age 13, from Pennsylvania wrote:

"I need to know if masturbating can cause me to get pregnant?"

We replied by e-mailing her a copy of our tract "Don't Let Masturbation Master You!" which shares the scriptural view of sex. The tract is available on our website at:

http://www.gateway.org/content/pdf/Dont%20Let%20Masturbation%20Master%20You.pdf

A VISIT TO IRVINGTON

Deon, age 14. came to Gateway – Irvington with his 15 year old girlfriend. He was considering abortion if she were pregnant. We discussed abortion, chastity, and responsibility. He listened intently. The test was negative. He excused himself and became sick to his stomach.

An hour after he left the office, he called to say "Thanks for talking to me." We encouraged him to read the Gospel of John in the New Testament that we had given him.

Praise the Lord!



Mery introduces Julieth and Harold Esheberry, their little boy and baby Joseph!







Gateway,
2003
Banquet:
Thursday,
October 9,
2003
7:00-9:00pm
The
Westwood,
Garwood,
NJ



Pastor of New Calvary Baptist Deliverance Outreach Church and President of L.E.A.R.N. - Northeast

Our special guest speaker was:



130
supporters
helped raise
funds for the
gospel
ministry of
Gateway!

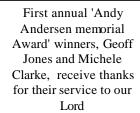






Some of the 130 people who attended

"Redeeming the time"



Music by 'The Sounds of Deliverance'





A time of prayer, challenge and encouragement by Rev. Michael Westbrook, Gateway Board Chairman. Also pictured: Dean. Lorena and Joan

PICTURE GALLERY



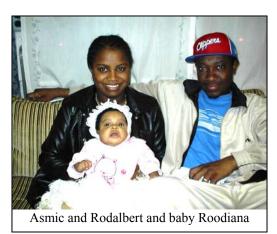




Volunteer Training Class, October 2003



Frank Muggio and Marisol Rodriguez spoke at Raphael's Life House





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Romeo has a good dream.